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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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of Making Same

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Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 23, 2006**

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond.

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Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of Time for two-months.

With this Amendment and Response, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided with this paper as provided in:

Listing of Claims that begin on page 3;

Remarks that begin on page 7; and

Conclusion that begins on page 13 of this paper.